

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 and 11-14 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 6, 9 and 11 have been amended and claim 10 has been canceled.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-8 and 10-14 were objected to; claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Liew in view of Murai et al.; claims 1-8 were allowed; and claims 10-14 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, claim 9 has been amended to include the subject matter recited in claim 10. Further, because amended claim 9 would be substantially the same as allowed independent claim 1, claim 9 has been further amended to recite that the processor directly converts the digital base-band CDMA signals outputted from the digital signal processor into analog RF CDMA signals without passing the CDMA base-band signals through an IF conversion procedure. This feature is illustrated in the specification as page 8, line 21 and 22, for example.

Further, regarding the objection to the claims, the Office Action questions the meaning of the phrase “by sectors.” It is respectfully noted the appropriate independent claims have been amended to recite “by channels” rather than “by sectors.” As shown in Figure 2, for example,

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the digital combiner 210 sums up the spectrum-spread digital CDMA signals by the channels (see also page 5, lines 21 and 22, for example).

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested the objection to claims 1-8 and 10-14 be withdrawn.

Further, the specification has been amended to correct a minor informality.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **David A. Bilodeau**, at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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